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BEATNIK BANDIT, PAL ROB PAIR

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What effect do you think the investigation on 'payola' will have on the music we hear every day on the radio?"

The Herald's inquisitive cameraman asked five persons at random for their thoughts on this question this week.

Answering were:
Mrs. Ethel Edwards, 1866 Plaza Del Amo, cafeteria worker, Aviation High School:
"I don't think it will effect it very much. The more publicity a song gets, the more popular it is. This investigation will give songs an equal chance and will give the public an opportunity to pick their own. I myself, like the old songs best and am glad to hear some of them coming back."

Rolland D. Bastian, 14835 Jutro, Gardena, bench worker, North American Aviation:
"As a musician, I am quite interested in this. I think payola has done more harm than good and has been forcing on the public songs and music they do not always like. It should help the composer and arrangers of good tunes. If a song is good, it doesn't have to have a paid plug to make it a hit."

Mrs. Julia Kelly, 22425 Denker Ave., housewife:
"I think it should better it. Instead of hearing what the new singers put out, I think we'll get pretty much the same type music but it will have more variety. They're bringing back a lot of the old songs, but now we'll get more of a chance to have the sav about which ones become hits."

Richard Myers, 1535 West 215th St., unemployed:
"I'm a rock 'n roll fan, myself, but I think it will better it some. I don't think payola is used so much now. I think we'll still get pretty much the same type of songs... if they like the singer, they'll like the songs. Anyway, the big companies just record the ton hits."

Mrs. Ruth Brown, 1534 West 205th St., housewife:
"They will have to play more of what the public demands and so I think we will be getting better music. Some of the things they call music now are so ridiculous and undanceable there is nothing but a lot of noise."



ABE ROBINSON
Heads Downtown Merchants

Robinson To Head Merchants

Abe Robinson, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, has been elected president of the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce. It was reported here this week. Robinson, who has been a Torrance businessman for the past 10 years, succeeds George Naylor of Torrance Hardware.

Elected to serve with the new president were Dudley Cook, vice president (Western Auto), and Floyd Schillings, secretary - treasurer (Gallenkamps).

DIRECTORS elected include Leonard Barron, Dave Baumgardner, Paul Diamond, Hal Frenz, Jim Giacalone, Bernie Lee, Sam Levy, Naylor, J. H. Paget, George Post, Lou Schlanger, John Schwartz, Jim Squire, Ben Smith, Jack Treskes, Sol Young, and Paul VaKay.

Robinson says his group will launch a five-point program for downtown Torrance stressing (1) lower prices, (2) friendly and individual service, (3) three large free parking areas within a block of the heart of town, (4) highest paid employees in the South Bay, (5) union stores.

A "KICKOFF RALLY" has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, in the Home Savings and Loan Building at 1511 Cravens Ave. All downtown Torrance merchants and professional men are being invited to attend the 6 p.m. session. Robinson said. Refreshments will be served.

The new president and his wife, Ruth, live at 11 Via S... in the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance.

In Airline Post

A. C. Ferrari, 23419 Shadycroft, has been named manager of administration for American Airlines in Los Angeles, according to A. R. Bone Jr., the airline's vice president and Los Angeles manager.

Airport Tower Assured

Federal funds totaling \$70,200 have been allocated to Torrance for the construction of a control tower at Torrance Municipal Airport the city was notified this week.

The money, requested by the city last fall, was part of the funds allocated by the Federal Aviation Agency to 314 airports Friday.

Under the proposal offered the city, the federal funds will be used to pay for 54 per cent of the construction cost of the airport tower. The city must finance the balance.

When completed sometime next year, the tower would be put into operation by the FAA, replacing the city-operated tower. It costs the city about \$20,000 a year now to operate its own tower, according to figures presented by Airport Manager Jack Egan.

Armstrong Unopposed On Ballot

Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong was virtually assured of a new six-year term on the South Bay Judicial District bench Friday when the deadline for filing for the election passed without an opponent entering the race.

Judge Armstrong, one of three judges on the South Bay Court bench, was appointed to the post two years ago and is seeking his first election. Two other judges, Judge John A. Shidler and Judge Otto B. Willett, were re-elected two years ago to six-year terms.

Armstrong's name will appear on the ballot for the primary election here June 7. Also on the ballot will be a large number of superior court judges, and other county offices and measures.

Schools to Host Area Businessmen

More than 100 Torrance industrial and business leaders have signed up for visits to local schools as part of Education-Business-Industry Day on March 17, according to school officials.

The day's activities will start at 9 a.m., with talks by Superintendent J. H. Hull and Assistant Superintendents Albert Posner, Louis Kaplan, and S. E. Waldrip.



BLOOD BANK BOOSTERS . . . Mrs. Robert Orsini (left), local Red Cross blood recruitment chairman, makes appointments for Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hestwood, 3305 Onrado, to give blood at community bloodmobile here tomorrow. With them is their son, Charles Micheal, 11, who underwent open heart surgery for which the Red Cross provided blood.

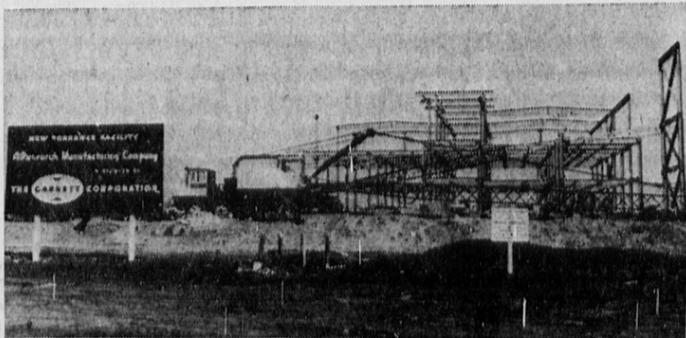
Student Authors Ready To Stage One-Act Play

Student authors and directors of Torrance High School are preparing their original one-act plays to be presented in the high school auditorium on Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. Linda Kraegel's comedy, "Della," is the story of a teenage girl and her typical teenage problems with her family, sister and boyfriends. Della is played by Jan Planz and Pat King is her sister. The parents are portrayed by Kay Wyman and David Rosen. Tim May and Dave Mullen enact the two boy friends. Bob Emrich has the role of the pesky little brother.

"I Was Mistaken," a drama by Earl Newsom, finds its plot about a judge who could do no wrong until a man's life hung on his decision. The cast of this play includes Jim White, the judge; Chuck Litaker, a lawyer; Wayne Huehes, the doctor; Phil Cosby, I. Mann; Larry Melton, the condemned man, and Carol Johnson, the housekeeper.

Cancer Studies

American Cancer Society researchers at the University of Chicago have shown that a drug, given in the diet, substantially slowed down the growth of rat cancers without any observable bad effects. However, the potential effectiveness of the drug against human cancer is not yet known.



PROGRESS REPORT . . . Construction of the Garrett Corporation's AirResearch Manufacturing Facility at 190th and Crenshaw in Torrance is progressing rapidly. Steel framework should be completed by next Friday and the entire building by Sept. 1. This \$2.6 million unit, which will house AirResearch electrical and electronic facilities, is first of a group of buildings to be built on the 66-acre site.

Cross-Eyed Buddy Aids In Stickup

Torrance police today are looking for a "Beatnik" bandit and his cross-eyed crony who held up a Waleria cleaning establishment at gunpoint Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Lillian Bailey and Mrs. Edith Alford, working in the Edwards Cleaners at 3847 Pacific Coast Hwy. when the robbery occurred, described one of the bandits as 28 to 35 years of age, with brown hair, wearing horn-rimmed, dark glasses, and sporting sideburns which extended to a neatly clipped goatee.

HIS COMPANION was described as a dirty blond, 28 to 35 years of age, wearing horn-rimmed glasses. He was probably cross-eyed, witnesses said.

Mrs. Bailey, who lives at 3949 Newton St., told investigating officers she was in the front of the store when the two suspects entered and asked about having a dirty white jacket dyed.

MRS. BAILEY called to Mrs. Alford, who was working in the back pressing garments, to make an estimate.

"This is a holdup," the bearded bandit said when Mrs. Bailey entered the front of the store.

"I mean it, lady," he added.

HIS CROSS-EYED buddy chimed in to add emphasis by repeating, "We mean it lady." The beatnik did all the talking after that, the victims reported. Mrs. Bailey was told to "walk over there and give us the money," by the beatnik. She took the money from the cash box and put it on the counter.

"**PUT IT IN THIS** pocket," she was instructed by the bandit, who held out the dirty jacket he had brought in with him.

"Is that all, lady?" he asked. Told that the bank deposit had already been made, the bandits instructed the two victims to go into the back of

Demand for Concert Big

The third concert of the current series of Joint Youth Band-Artist Concerts, sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Band, will feature the famous Mormon Choir of Southern California. The concert, originally scheduled for March 19th at the El Camino Campus Theater, has been changed to March 26th and will be held in the Redondo Union High School auditorium.

The change was made necessary because of the fact that the El Camino Campus Theater would not nearly accommodate all the people who have requested tickets for this concert, according to Director James Van Dyck.

The Mormon Choir is composed of 150 voices. The Choir sings many programs throughout Southern California including the Easter Sunrise Services at the Hollywood Bowl and the Messiah at the Philharmonic Auditorium. They recently gave two benefit concerts and raised the sum of \$25,000 for the Los Angeles Music Center.

Assisting the Torrance Area Youth Band in the sponsorship of this concert will be the Dianes of Redondo Beach, the RUHS Madrigal Choir, and members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

Uneasy Truce Over Tax Bill Reported

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

Bob Holland works hard for his take-home pay. He is employed by a construction company.

With the income tax deadline approaching, he called the Max Frankel tax office after receiving an advertising dodger in the mail from this company. He phoned Frankel's office and was told by an employee that the charge for preparing his return would be \$25.

"When I went to Frankel's office at 17225 S. Crenshaw to pick up my papers they handed me a bill for \$150," Holland told the HERALD. "I told the man there that the bill was \$125 over the estimate that had been given to me and he told me there had been a 'lot of extra work' involved in preparing my forms." Holland went back to his home at 1242 W. 144th St. without his tax forms.

AFTER PHONING other tax offices and being told that this fee was out of line he called the Department of Internal Revenue in Los Angeles, Holland said. Here he was told he would have to write to Sacramento and file a complaint.

By this time he was getting pretty mad and decided to pic-

ket the office of Frankel. He painted a big sign which read, "This place of business is unfair charging me \$150 for tax returns after telling me it would only be \$25."

AFTER TWO evenings of carrying the sign up and down in front of the tax office after he had returned from work, he said he received a letter from Frankel's office telling him to "keep his sign as he would need it for court evidence" and that "legal action would be taken as he was ruining business."

Holland did not picket the following night. His tax forms and papers have been returned to him after another member of Frankel's office had given him a second estimate of \$208 for the same job.

Holland does not want trouble and feels that after he pays Federal and State taxes totaling \$150 he will not have enough money left to hire an attorney if he is halled into court.

IN THE MEANTIME a certified public accountant in the area, who has heard about the case, has estimated his tax return fees at \$50 and another offered to do his tax work free under the circumstances.



OVERCHARGED? Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holland, 1242 W. 144th St., look over their tax papers returned to them when they refused to pay \$150 for the job when an estimate of \$25 had been made by the Max Frankel tax service, located at 17225 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Holland tried picketing the firm, but now that he has his forms and papers wants no trouble. (Herald Photo)